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EBARC Meetings



June 14, 2013, 7:30 p.m.
NO 2013 EBARC FIELD DAY!
(program to be announced)



The East Bay Amateur Radio Club meets this month at the
El Sobrante Library, 4191 Appian Way, El Sobrante.

The Executive Board meets the Monday before each general meeting at 7:30 p.m.
at the W6CUS club station, 3200 Macdonald Ave. Richmond.

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[Articles may be submitted by "snail" mail, by dictation over the 'phone 510-741-8227, or by e-mail to aa6xz@earthlink.net]

Treasurer's Report April 2013 Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer

APRIL GENERAL FUND¹

Beginning Balance \$4,065.41

Income:

Refreshment Kitty: 8.80

Total General Income: \$8.80

Disbursements

PG&E (Apr.) \$22.93

Meeting Food 16.88

Donation: Friends of El Sobrante

 Library 300.00

Total General Disbursements \$361.01

Ending Balance \$3,712.40

[Is a \$22.00 expense missing? – Editor]

¹\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships.

APRIL STATION FUND

Beginning Balance: \$3,520.80

Income: \$0.00

Disbursements: \$0.00

Ending Balance \$3,520.80

General Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2013

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF
(Acting Secretary)

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 19:33 by President Fowler at the El Sobrante Library. Sign-in sheet was circulated, 19 members and guests signed in. A round of self-introductions was made. The question for the night was "What home-built equipment do you have at your station?"

Minutes of the April 12, 2013 meeting were approved as published in *The Blown Fuse*.

Program: First Vice-President Burris reported that tonight's program will be about the W6BB club by Bill Mitchell, AG6RC. Next month's program is scheduled to be on Field Day.

Finance: Treasurer Jenkins reported club financial information for April. General fund balance was \$3,712.40; station fund balance was \$3,520.80. Monthly income was \$8.80; expenses were \$361.81. April PG&E bill was paid.

Hospitality: Second Vice-President Sparks provided the refreshments.

Membership: Third Vice-President Primsch was absent. One new member, Jeff Miller, KJ6RHF joined.

Secretary: Secretary McMillan was absent. Jenkins reported no correspondence of significance received, except for the PG&E bills.

Station Manager: Was absent. Jenkins reported that Stanton was out of hospital, and recovering at home.

Public Events/Education: Jenkins reported on the completed Grizzly Peak Century. Fowler reported on the Boy Scouts' Fages II hike on June 01. Jenkins reported on events in Marin; Dipsea 6/09, Double Dipsea 6/29.

Web Page: Webmaster Hoffman had no report.

President: Fowler reported on the General class at WCCAE. There are 11 students. Ken commented on school district fees. Field Day was discussed.

New Members and Guests: New: Jeff Miller, KJ6RHF

Announcements: Ron Smith reported on Armed Forces Day Test, Saturday. Mathison Ott reported that the Makers Faire was next weekend. Randy reported that there would be a VE session in Mill Valley tomorrow (Saturday). Jeff Miller reported that there would be a "Ham Cram" in Richmond tomorrow. Robin Spaulding brought new HRO catalogs. Ken reported on equipment for sale by an estate.

Field Day: Jenkins commented that a decision was needed on Field Day. The subject was discussed at length. There was a motion made to "Skip Field Day in 2013." Spaulding/Smith/Pass. Ken suggested that people investigate the USS Hornet Field Day or other clubs' Field Day efforts.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on June 14, 2013.

Closing: There being no further business, the membership meeting was adjourned at 20:21.

Presentation: After a break for refreshments, Bill Miller made a presentation on the history of the W6BB club at Cal, and the present W6BB club. (\$7.00 was collected in tonight's refreshment kitty.)

[Jay Sparks, KJ6HSH, reports that the following notice applies to Icom mics in the marine community. He's not sure if EBARC members are having similar trouble. – Editor]

...from the marine magazine, *Latitude 38*:

http://www.latitude38.com/lectronic/lectronicday.lasso?date=2013-05-24#.UZ_FY5ywVr0

"In the March and other recent issues of *Latitude* there have been reader complaints about microphone cords falling apart on their otherwise highly regarded Icom radios. Icom had not been as responsible as many of their customers had hoped, but fortunately that has changed.

"We've been in contact with Icom," reports Charles Fort, Director of Consumer Protection at BoatUS, "and they have agreed to replace the cords at no charge, regardless of model or warranty status. Owners will need to fill out a Repair Submission form and send the microphone and cable, along with a copy of the form (keep one for yourself) to: ICOM America, Bellevue Service Center, 2380 116th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004."

"We're filing this under 'better late than never.'"

[The submission form is at:
<http://www.icomamerica.com/en/support/PartsAndService/default.aspx>]

Many thanks to Michael McMillan, K6MCM, for preafrooding this month's *Blown Fuse*.

Future Bay Area Events

- Current Bay Area Public Service Events: See www.eastbayarc.org, click on "Current Events", then scroll to "Public Service."
- EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly at 9 a.m. in the Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way (at 16th St.), Oakland. The remaining test dates for 2013 are July 28th and October 27th. The fee for 2013 is \$15. Info at 510-918-4627 or 510-741-8227.
- CoCoCo RACES Training: Details from mcmillan50y@yahoo.com or via RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz.

The East Bay Amateur Radio Club, founded in 1947, is a California non-profit organization of amateur radio operators in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. The club is open to anyone interested in amateur radio. Annual dues are \$30 for individual membership, \$35 for a family membership, and \$10 for students K-12. For information, contact any EBARC officer, see Web page www.eastbayarc.org, or write EBARC, P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530. The East Bay Amateur Radio Club maintains a club station, W6CUS, at 3200 Macdonald Ave., Richmond.

2013 East Bay Amateur Radio Club Executive Committee

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| Ken Fowler, KO6NO, President | 222-0830 |
| Jack Burris, K6JEB, 1 st VP - Program Chair / Field Day Chair | 415-305-2547 |
| Jay Sparks KJ6HSH, 2 nd VP - Hospitality Chair | 384-4233 |
| Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, 3 rd VP - Membership / <i>Blown Fuse</i> Editor..... | 741-8227 |
| Mike McMillan, K6MCM, Secretary | 223-3052 |
| Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer / Finance Committee Chair..... | 526-4089 |
| Russell Wikander Jr., KI6CEZ, Member-at-Large | 847-3583 |
| Robin Spalding, N6RLS, Member-at-Large | 528-1144 |

2013 EBARC's Other Committee Heads and Contacts

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| Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU, Club Station Manager..... | 385-4044 |
| Jack Burris, K6JEB, W6CUS Trustee..... | 415-305-2547 |
| Peter Hoffman, W6DEI, Webmaster, Publicity Chair..... | 525-0694 |
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| Awards Chair..... | |
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| Legislative Affairs | |
| RFI Committee Chair..... | |
| Historian | |

AMATEUR RADIO NETS

| NET | DAYS | LOCAL TIME | FREQ, MHZ |
|--|-------|------------------|-----------|
| West Contra Costa County RACES Net | Thurs | 1845 (PL 82.5-) | 145.110 |
| EBARC "Explore Net" (HF) | Mon | 1930 (USB) | 28.425 |
| KARO/ECHO ARES/RACES Net | Thurs | ~1900 simplex | 146.415 |
| NALCO RACES/ARES Net | Thurs | 1915 (PL 131.8+) | 440.900 |
| Oakland ARES Emergency Communications Net | Thurs | 1930 (PL 77-) | 146.880 |
| Contra Costa Communications Club Net | Thurs | 1930 (PL 82.5-) | 145.110 |
| Tech Net | Thurs | 2000 (PL 82.5-) | 145.110 |
| "Over the Hill Gang" Breakfast/Commute Net | Mo-Fr | 0710 (PL 82.5-) | 145.110 |
| Northern Calif. Net VHF Session (traffic) | Daily | 1930 (PL 107.2-) | 145.410 |
| "QRM Net" | Tues | 1930 (PL 82.5-) | 224.300 |
| 9 a.m. Talk Net | Mo-Fr | 0900 (PL 100.0-) | 145.230 |
| Youth Net | Sat | 1400 (PL 100.0-) | 145.230 |

RACES, West CoCoCo: Mike McMillan, K6MCM, mcmillan50y@yahoo.com, phone 510 223-3052.
Frequencies: #1=145.110-, #2=147.570s.